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## PEHR DAHLBERG AND THE FIRST SWEDISH SETTLEMENT IN IOWA

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To Pehr Dahlberg belongs the distinction of locating the first Swedish settlement in Iowa. His life story throughout his youth and entire manhood shows a struggle against adverse circumstances.

His ancestry, as far back as his descendants can trace, begins with his grandfather, Truls Trulson, who was born in Sweden about 1737. When grown to manhood he enlisted in the war between his native land and Russia, entering the service as a dragoon, which, according to the laws of Sweden, entitled him to choose the name by which he should be known as a soldier, and which he should have the right to hand down to his descendants. In accordance with this law or custom he selected the name "Dahlberg"; served his time in the Swedish Army in its struggle with Russia, was discharged and re-entered civil life, marrying and settling down to the work of caring for his family. One of his sons was named for him, "Truls Dahlberg," who on his arrival at years of maturity mastered and followed the trade of shoemaking in the village of Chevick in the southern part of Sweden, known as Skone.

In about 1801 Truls Dahlberg, the second, married and went into business in Chevick for himself. There his first child, whom he named Pehr, and who became Pehr Dahlberg, the immigrant, was born June 9, 1802. As soon as Pehr was old enough he too was taught the trade of shoemaking. For this he had great antipathy, which his father vainly tried to overcome. The boy also greatly desired to acquire an education, of which the father disapproved. As the two would go from house to house to make

shoes, the son would often stop behind a tree and read from a book he was secretly carrying, and then run to catch up with his father, then stop again behind another tree and read again, thus adding to his meager knowledge and getting a start in learning to read, not daring to let his father know about it. Prejudice against education among their people in those days was strong, it being commonly believed that all who secured an education became rogues and thieves. However, Pehr contrived to acquire some knowledge during his spare moments in boyhood, especially in the direction of navigation and commerce, as his desires led him that way.

On reaching his majority he threw away his last and awl and adopted a seafaring life, for which he had always longed. His first service was that of a common sailor on the small, common trading vessels that were used in commerce on the Baltic, principally in carrying lumber and grain. Then it became possible to gratify more than before his great desire to obtain knowledge, as he was able to beg and borrow books and make them his companions in his spare moments. In this way he secured an education considerably above the average of his associates, and his increased efficiency was recognized by his employers in promotions from time to time, of which he showed himself so worthy that within a few years he became captain, and for twelve years sailed the Baltic in command of vessels.

Soon after Pehr adopted the life of a sailor he became acquainted with Ingar Nilsdottar of Brantivik, to whom he was married in 1827 when he was twenty-five years of age, she being nineteen. Her father owned a small farm adjoining the village, owned and operated a first class windmill where people came for miles to have their grain ground, and was also a commercial fisherman and sailor. Her life having been spent among sailors and fishermen, Ingar had experienced much of the hardships and dangers incident to following the sea in its various forms, which well fitted her for the able, loyal, yes, the noble manner in which she, in after years discharged the duties of wife and mother. During the first nine years of their married life, they made their home in Brantivik.

Captain Dahlberg was an earnest and devout christian worker, especially among the young people, holding bible readings of



evenings and explaining the scriptures. His earnest christian work was well known among leading church men of the time as was evidenced by the presentation to him a short time before he left for America, of a copy of *Zion Young Songs* by Rosenious, inscribed in his own hand "Given by Rosenious to Dahlberg, March 21, 1843." Rosenious was one of the noted and leading divines, whose esteem was manifested in this way.

It should be borne in mind that those northern waters are ice-bound during the winter months. On one trip which Captain Dahlberg made to the city of Lulea, at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, cold weather set in earlier than usual and his vessel was frozen in for the winter, with a cargo for which he and his partner were responsible, and which was lost, because of this unforeseen misfortune. His partner as it proved, was unable to pay his share of the loss and the entire burden fell on Dahlberg. He made a sled on which they loaded such things from the vessel as they could carry and hired a man with a horse to pull them to the next station, where a relay pulled them to the next and so on for the long trip of five hundred miles or more home. Rev. Olaf Peterson, a Baptist missionary among sailors, a warm personal friend of Dahlberg's, was with him on that trip. On the return trip, as but one could ride at the time, they had to take turns riding and walking.

In 1836 Captain Dahlberg and his family moved to Stockholm where he plied his trade as woodworker or cabinetmaker during the winter season. While living in Stockholm he was first mate two summers on steamboat on Lake Malar and other lakes in that vicinity. Part of his work in the winters while there was having charge of convicts doing that kind of work.

For years the Captain and Mrs. Dahlberg had been reading and hearing about the wonders and resources of America, until he finally determined to visit the new world and seek better opportunities for themselves and their growing family. Accordingly he sailed for America April 25, 1843, leaving his family in Stockholm till he should either return or could send for them. He landed in New York in about six weeks. The next two years he spent in getting acquainted with the country and language and looking for a location, travelling as far west as Wisconsin and Illinois. In 1845 he sent for his family. Having been raised

under the environments described above, fishing, making and mending nets, rowing for miles out in the Baltic, handling boats with the skill of a man, Mrs. Dahlberg was thoroughly inured to the hardships of the sea, and when her husband sent for her she did not hesitate nor falter, but with her seven children embarked in a sailing vessel which was loaded with a cargo of iron and was not any too well equipped for either safety or convenience. It was the old brig *Carolina* commanded by Captain Jacobson. He was an old friend of Mrs. Dahlberg's family, which was the reason they came with him. They encountered severe storms that carried them many miles out of their course, often threatening to destroy the vessel. The strain on the vessel was such that there were indications of it beginning to part, and they were compelled to fasten a spar or boom on each side of the bow, and with block and tackle and the aid of the capstan they were able to avert the threatened disaster. By the sailors keeping the pumps going, the vessel having already sprung a leak, they kept it afloat until they reached New York August 12, 1845, after a stormy voyage of twelve weeks. The old vessel *Carolina* on her next trip fell apart and sank, the crew being saved by a French vessel that happened along at that time. At New York Captain Dahlberg met his family. He had secured temporary quarters for them in the Bethel ship, "John Wesley," where they found Rev. O. G. Hedstrom holding services in the Swedish tongue and where, as a united family, they gave thanks to God for their wonderful preservation. The next two weeks were devoted to rest and preparation for the westward journey as well as recuperation from the effects of the long and hard journey by sea.

It was during this two weeks' interim that Captain Dahlberg noticed a Swedish vessel anchored near the Bethel ship, and while taking a walk along the wharf he met some of her men from whom he learned that four families had arrived from Sweden, the leader and spokesman being Peter Cassel. These people were contemplating locating in Wisconsin, owing to letters that had been written by a settler of that territory to his friends in Sweden. This company was greatly pleased, however, to meet with a fellow countryman who had had two years' experience in America, was familiar with locations and was able to speak the English language. Captain Dahlberg advised them that Iowa was



much the more desirable and was where he was going to take his own family. After a conference among themselves this company decided to accept Captain Dahlberg's advice and go with him to Iowa.

Peter Cassel, a man of some fifty-four years, was the head of the colony then and continued to be during his life. In later years Jefferson County was represented in the state legislature by Andrew Cassel, a worthy son of this worthy father, who also had the confidence of all who knew him.

The company which traveled from New York to Iowa was made up of the following persons: Captain Pehr Dahlberg, wife and seven children, five girls and two boys; Peter Cassel, wife and five children, two girls and three boys; John Danielson, wife and five children, two girls and three boys; John Munson, wife and three children, three girls; A. P. Anderson, wife and two children, one boy and one girl; Erick Anderson, single; Sarah Anderson, single; also a Mr. Berg, an old time friend of Captain Dahlberg's, a former government official from Stockholm.

The journey from New York to Iowa was made by rail and canal to Pittsburgh, thence by boat down the Ohio to Cairo and up the Mississippi to Burlington where they arrived September 13, 1845. Father Dahlberg being the only one in the company who could speak the English language, his task was of no small proportions in looking after the different families, with their baggage to be transferred and checked from time to time from one mode of travel to another, with the many changes between New York and Burlington. This leadership and care kept him on the go so nearly all the time that he had but little time to devote to the care of his wife and seven children.

An amusing incident occurred one time where the whole company had to pass through a gate to be counted, the order being that a mother with her baby in her arms were to be counted as one person, the fees for entrance being so much per head. As they started through the gate one of the mothers picked up her eight-year-old boy and carried him through as her baby, which caused much merriment.

From Burlington they traveled by team and such conveyances as they could procure, and stopped at the nearest place where government land could be had, which was at Brush Creek, a few

miles west of Rome, but in Jefferson County. Soon after their arrival, in a roofless cabin, Father Dahlberg and Mr. Berg, each with a glass of wine, christened the place New Stockholm.

Among the settlers whom this company found there already as neighbors were those bearing the names of Austin, Hopkirk, James, Vorhies, Stevenson and others who were kind to the newcomers and rendered them whatever assistance they could, but they had hard work to understand that they were Swedes and not Switzers.

On October 7, 1847, Captain Dahlberg filed pre-emption declaratory statement No. 1043, Fairfield Series, for the west half, northeast quarter, Sec. 26, Twp. 72 N., Range 8 West (Lockridge Township, Jefferson County), upon which he had built a log house and in which he was living. The government at that time charged a small entry fee after which the settler could hold the land for one year before paying for it. Finding it impossible to raise the money in this pioneer settlement, and after instructions from the government land office regarding the privileges and rights of settlers, he took a few of the most necessary household goods, leaving the rest after securely locking the door, and went with his family to Keokuk. There he secured work at his trade as woodworker, in which, as before stated, he was highly skilled, in order to secure the necessary funds to meet the payment on his claim required by the government.

While in Keokuk and before the year expired, his house was broken into and the goods set out. A party made affidavit that Captain Dahlberg had abandoned the claim and that there was nothing in the house. Another party then filed claim and took possession. Not having sufficient funds to either pay the government or to fight the case in the courts, he lost his claim. This experience was so discouraging that he had not heart to try it again, but continued with his trade.

In 1849 he removed to the town of Columbus on the Des Moines River in Van Buren County, where he manufactured walnut rocking chairs, some of which are still in as good condition as when made. About 1850 he removed to Keosauqua where he carried on the manufacture of window sash and later did finishing work in carpentry.

On September 8, 1852, he became a citizen of the United



States. The order admitting him to citizenship recites that it was made "in open court, on the testimony of Captain Frederick Hancock and C. H. Ober, in the presence of Charles Baldwin, clerk, and Benjamin P. Marlow, sheriff, and was signed by Wm. H. Seevers, presiding judge."

Captain Dahlberg was self-educated. After having mastered the common branches of education he became a student of theology and philosophy, having two volumes of the works of Thomas Dick, a Scottish writer on astronomy, theology and philosophy; also a number of works by Swedenborg, the great Swedish theologian. He was a mathematician of ability. His favorite periodicals of the later times were the *Scientific American* and the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*. His handwriting was such as is seldom seen today, described by one ex-county judge as "like copper plate."

"Mother Dahlberg," as she was familiarly called, a member of the Lutheran church in Sweden, finding no church of her choice accessible in the New World, joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was an earnest, active worker the rest of her days. She died in her eighty-third year, on October 9, 1890, from the dislocation of the hip, improperly set. Her illness and decease occurred at the old home in the village of Pittsburg, just west of Keosauqua. She was a woman of remarkable personality. She had acquired only such schooling as was obtained by children through the Lutheran church. She became a fluent reader of English as well as of the Swedish language, and had remarkable talent for song, which became especially noteworthy in her later years when she often led the congregational singing in the little chapel in the old home village of Pittsburg. She also possessed natural ability in common mathematics, and often surprised some members of the family by solving mentally some problem before they could figure it out with pencil. Above all these qualities Mother Dahlberg was a devout Christian, whose faith in God never faltered and whose earnest prayers for each member of her family have been answered in many ways.

Captain Dahlberg died three years later, December 9, 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Le Cresley, in Fairfield, at the age of ninety-one years and six months. They are laid side by side in the Purdom cemetery at Keosauqua, where the

son, Robert N. Dahlberg, has provided a beautiful plot of ground for the family, and where the son, John P., had been laid away before them.

Father and Mother Dahlberg and the other members of the family who have passed over to the great hereafter have gone with a blessed assurance of a glorious immortality.

The only surviving members of the company that crossed the Mississippi on September 13, 1845, are Robert Nelson Dahlberg, five years old at the time, who still maintains his residence at Keosauqua, although of recent years much of his time has been spent on the Pacific coast and the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and Charlotte G. Dahlberg Mort of Hill City, Kansas, two years old at the time.

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### FOUNDING OF LEANDER CLARK COLLEGE

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The first authoritative steps toward the founding of what is now Leander Clark College was taken by the Iowa Annual Conference at its session in Muscatine in August, 1855. At this time a board of trustees was appointed and empowered to take such measures looking toward the establishment of a college as might be deemed expedient. The board finally accepted an offer from the people of Shueyville to donate lands and some money on condition that the college be located in that neighborhood. Acting on this proposition a site on the open prairie was selected in January, 1856, and in the following summer a college building was erected. The name "Western" was given to the new college because it was the farthest west of the schools of the United Brethren Church; the same name was given to the village that grew up around the college. The doors of the college swung open to receive students for the first time in January, 1857. At this time thirty-eight students offered themselves for enrollment. The faculty consisted of Rev. Solomon Weaver, president, and S. S. Dillman, M. A., J. C. Schrader, and Mrs. S. S. Dillman, teachers. It was seven years before the college sent out its first graduate.—From minutes of the Iowa State Conference of the United Brethren in Christ; second annual session, 1910, p. 52.



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From the nature of the business transacted by this branch of the state government, the documents are not generally considered so valuable historically as are the documents in some of the other branches. This, in part, is true, but a large number of documents are in themselves of great historical interest. The business of the different state departments has been so closely connected that documents in the office of auditor must be found to corroborate facts gleaned from other departments. Thousands of documents in this department, however, have no connection with any other.

To a student of history the growth of the state is more clearly portrayed in this department than in the others. For example, the tax lists in the early forties of the then organized counties were written out on a few sheets of foolscap, the totals of each county amounting to only a few dollars. At present the collections by the same counties are counted by the thousands and tens of thousands. We find that the documents for any one year in the earlier history of the state are numbered by hundreds while for the same period of time at present there are thousands. This growth of the state is also clearly portrayed by the increase each year in the number and amounts of the claims filed and paid and by the character of the claims:

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## TREASURER OF STATE

This department of the government was established January 24, 1839, and designated "Treasurer of the Territory." The office was appointive and the first incumbent was Thornton Bayless, appointed by Governor Lucas. By the provisions of the Constitution of 1846 the department was continued under the title of "Treasurer." This constitution made the office elective and at the next election Morgan Reno was elected. The Constitution of 1857 continued the department under the titular head of "Treasurer of State."

The documents and records of the department mainly pertain to the receipt and disbursement of the revenues of the state. But many of a different character result from legislative changes in the duties of the office. This variety in the duties of the office appears in the classification of the documents.

There are also found in this department many historical documents not classed as public archives. These are mainly letters and documents of temporary commissions, not of statutory character, such as "Jolntown Flood" and "Russian Famine," where the treasurer's office has been made the voluntary depository of gratuitous funds.

One of the most important of the additional duties assigned by law to this department is the collection of the collateral inheritance tax. Much material has accumulated in this division since its establishment in 1896. The office of State Treasurer retains all this under its control for the present, but there was obtained through the courtesy of Mr. Quincy C. Willis, deputy treasurer of state, who had been in direct charge of this division of the administrative work for a number of years, information necessary to enable an outline to be made for its classification when transferred to the Historical Department.

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SIR RICHARD COBDEN LECTURES AT DUBUQUE

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Yesterday Sir Richard Cobden, the sturdy English champion of reform, paid our city a visit. He was on the road from Chicago to St. Louis. During his stay here he was the guest of Rufus Spaulding, Esq. In company with several of our citizens he visited some of our city schools, with which he was most highly delighted, expressing himself astonished at the perfection to which our school system had attained, and farther, that such a system could never succeed in England, or on the Continent generally owing to the predominance of secular despotic influence. He made a few remarks at the city high school which are said to have been brim full of good sense. Sir Robert has arrived at middle age, is some five feet ten, florid, open countenance, and a portly figure of a genuine John Bull. He seems, like Greeley, to be always intently thoughtful and listens to one's remarks with an earnestness almost painful in its intensity. His conversation is deliberate, impressive, exact, and is expressed in pure rugged Saxon. He complimented the present condition of the West and spoke cheerfully of its future. He left yesterday afternoon for St. Louis on the War Eagle.—*Dubuque Express and Herald*, March 26, 1859. (In the Newspaper Collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

# ANNALS OF IOWA

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### NOTABLE DEATHS

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HOWARD WEBSTER BYERS was born at Woodstock, Richland County, Wisconsin, December 25, 1856, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, March 24, 1928. Burial was at Harlan. His parents were Dr. Andrew Clinton and Mary Cadwallader Byers. His boyhood was spent near Hyland and Muscoda, Wisconsin. He received a common school education. The family removed to Hancock County, Iowa, in 1873, where H. W. continued in those early years of his life to be a farm laborer. In 1877 he located in Shelby County and taught school first at Shelby, then in Earling and later in Harlan. Then for five years he clerked in and conducted a general store. He read law in the office of Macy & Gammon for two years and was admitted to the practice in 1888. In 1893 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra general assemblies, the last being the Code revision session. He was speaker of the House in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra sessions. In 1898 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Ninth District, and was within seven votes of the nomination for more than five hundred ballots, the nomination finally going to Smith McPherson. In 1899 he was again elected representative and served in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly. In 1901 he was permanent chairman of the Republican State Convention, which gave A. B. Cummins his first nomination for governor. In 1906 he was elected attorney general, and was re-elected in 1908, and served four years. In 1908 he was temporary chairman of the Republican State Convention. In 1910 he was again a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Ninth District, this time under the primary law, when he lost to the incumbent, Walter I. Smith. From 1911 to 1921 he was corporation counsel for the city of Des Moines, and for two years following he was special counsel for the city in various municipal litigations. In general practice during later years he was a member of the firm of Clark, Byers & Brunk. He was an able lawyer, an orator of ability, and both in his public and private life was guided by high ideals and principles.

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HENRY BROWN HAWLEY was born in Gainsville, Wyoming County, New York, January 30, 1856, and died in St. Petersburg, Florida, February 4, 1928. Burial was in Des Moines. His parents were David Waldo and Julia Samantha (Brown) Hawley. Besides attending com-

mon school, he was educated at Warsaw Academy, Warsaw, New York, in which institution he also taught several terms. He removed to Des Moines in 1882, as representative of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee. He organized the Bankers' Accident Insurance Company which later was merged with a Chicago concern. In 1901 he organized the Great Western Insurance Company, became its president and continued in that position until his death. He aided in organizing the Morris Plan Bank in Des Moines, and the Reinsurance Company, and was a director in the Des Moines National Bank. His unusual constructive and executive business ability made him no more noted than did his activities in charities. He became interested in this soon after reaching Des Moines. He was one of the organizers of Associated Charities in Des Moines in 1891, was a member of its Board of Directors from then until his death, was a member of the Executive Committee nearly all the time, was a close adviser of every secretary of the association, was president in 1913, and in 1921 was made a life member and honorary president. He had made a thorough study of benevolences and of foundations and by will he bequeathed almost his entire private fortune to the establishment in Des Moines of the Hawley Welfare Foundation, a trust fund to be administered through a board of directors. He was president of the State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in 1904-05, and was a vice president of the National Society for two years. He was a cultured man, and contributed to his culture by travel, having visited most portions of this country, besides Hawaii and Europe, which he visited both before the World War and since.

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WALTER C. RAMSAY was born in Ford County, Illinois, August 15, 1878, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, February 9, 1928. Burial was at Belmond, Iowa. His parents were James Wilson and Mary Elizabeth (Henry) Ramsay. Walter received his education in the graded schools of Paxton, Illinois, and the High School of Owatonna, Minnesota. In 1894 the family removed to Garner, Iowa, and he followed school-teaching for a few years. In 1900 he and his twin brother, Wallace R., purchased the *Iowa Valley Press* at Belmond. Walter was actively in charge of the editing of the paper from that date until he became secretary of state, except for the eight years he was postmaster. In 1914 the Ramsay Brothers took over the *Belmond Herald*, the paper becoming the *Herald-Press*, which they continued to own and publish until July, 1927. In January, 1904, Walter became assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth General Assembly and served during that session. Two years later he served in the same position in the Thirty-first General Assembly until in February, 1906, when he resigned to assume the duties of postmaster at Belmond, to which position he had just been appointed. He remained postmaster until February, 1914. In April, 1914, he was elected mayor of Belmond, serving



until March, 1918. He was chief clerk of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, and Thirty-eighth general assemblies, 1915, 1917, and 1919. In the primary election of 1918 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination of secretary of state, and in a field of four candidates was second in the number of votes received, the nomination going to William S. Allen for the fourth time. Mr. Allen resigned the office in April, 1919, and Mr. Ramsay was appointed to the position by Governor Harding and assumed the duties July 1, of that year. He was elected in 1920, 1922, 1924, and 1926, thus serving as secretary of state for eight years, seven months and eight days, a longer time than any one else in the history of the state in an elective state executive office.

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OLIVER COOMES was born in Licking County, Ohio, August 26, 1845, and died in an automobile accident near Storm Lake, Iowa, June 27, 1921. Burial was in the Wiota Cemetery, Wiota, Cass County, Iowa. His parents were Isaiah and Mary Coomes. The family removed to a farm in Jasper County, Iowa, in 1856. Oliver attended common school in winters, and in summers worked in a pottery plant his father conducted. The winter of 1865-66 he was a student in Iowa College, Grinnell. In 1870 he removed to Franklin Township, Cass County, and engaged in farming. About this time he began writing vivid stories of the West which he sold to eastern publishers, the *New York Weekly*, and the *Saturday Journal* of New York publishing many of them serially, while many were published in the form of the dime novel of that period. Among the best known were *Adrift on the Prairie*, *Dakota Dan*, *Death Notch*, *Hawkeye Harry*, *Ironside*, the *Kid Bandy Series*, *Little Texas*, *The Raven of the North*, *The Dumb Spy*, and *The Scout*. He became one of the best known and most popular writers in the country of that class of adventure stories. He acted as postmaster at Wiota for some months when the office was established. Besides being a member of the local school board, he was elected representative in 1877, and was re-elected in 1879, serving in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth general assemblies. In 1905 he removed to Atlantic where he resided until his death.

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MARCELLUS LUTHER TEMPLE was born in Monongalia County, Virginia (afterward West Virginia), September 16, 1848, and died in Osceola, Iowa, February 28, 1928. Opportunities for securing an education in the locality of his youth were then meager. He attended subscription school amounting in all to 140 days, then entered West Virginia State University at Morgantown and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1873. The same year he removed to Osceola, Iowa. He read law a part of the time while taking his liberal arts course and was admitted to the bar at Osceola at the May term of the District Court in 1874. At first he had as partner R. B. Parott, but in 1875 he and John Chaney

formed a partnership. From 1882 to 1885 W. B. Tallman was his partner. Following 1891 for a few years T. Hardinger joined him in the practice, but in later years he and his son, William N. Temple, constituted the firm of Temple & Temple. In 1892 he was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra General Assembly. In 1899 he was again elected representative, and was re-elected in 1901 and in 1903, serving in the Twenty-eighth to the Thirty-first general assemblies, inclusive. In 1907 he became United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa and served until 1914. He was elected county attorney of Clarke County in 1914 and was re-elected in 1916, serving four years. In 1918 he was again elected representative and served in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. He was a man of great ability, a student of the best in literature and philosophy, an orator who always commanded attention, and a lawyer of distinction.

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EDWARD LINUS CROW was born in Linn County, Iowa, October 13, 1852, and died at Mapleton, Iowa, February 27, 1928. His parents were Edward M. and Emeline N. (Lewis) Crow. Edward L. grew to manhood in Linn County and removed to Soldier Township, Crawford County, in 1882, where he followed farming. In 1885 he removed to Mapleton and engaged in the grain and live stock business, which he continued until 1907, thereafter giving his attention chiefly to his farm properties. He was for some time a member of Mapleton Town Council, was mayor one term, and was president of the local Board of Education for several years. He was chairman of the Monona County Democratic Central Committee for many years, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1908, was elected senator in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies.

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CHARLES GRILK was born in Clinton, Iowa, February 17, 1874, and died in Des Moines March 6, 1928, while attending the Republican State Convention. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport. His parents were Hans F. and Margaretha Grilk. When Charles was seven years old the family removed to Davenport. There he attended public school and later went to Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and to Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, being graduated from the latter in 1894. He then entered Harvard University and received his A. B. degree in 1898, following this by traveling in Europe, Egypt, and Palestine. He returned to Harvard and in 1902 was graduated from the Harvard Law School. While attending Harvard he was a member of the staff of the *Boston Globe*, and did daily newspaper work on that paper, and also achieved distinction as a student. Returning to Davenport he joined the firm of Wilson, Grilk & Wilson, lawyers. He became a prominent and successful lawyer and business man, was general counsel for the Federal Surety Company,

for the Register Life Insurance Company, and was connected with many other large enterprises. In 1910 he was the Republican candidate for Congress from the Second District, but in the election lost to Irvin S. Pepper. In 1924 he was a delegate from the Second District to the Republican National Convention. The same year he was unsuccessful as the Republican candidate for mayor of Davenport. He was president of the American Red Cross chapter, president of the Clarissa C. Cook Home for the Friendless, was active in the Unitarian church, in education, art, and science activities, and in a multitude of lines of community welfare.

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J. BURLEIGH ALBROOK was born at Monroe, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1844, and died in Pasadena, California, March 18, 1928. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena. He removed to Delaware, Iowa, in 1857, and October 3, 1864, enlisted in the Second Iowa Cavalry, and was mustered out September 19, 1865, at Selma, Alabama. He entered Cornell College in 1866, was graduated in 1870, and was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal church, his first appointment being at Central City. For the ensuing forty years he was an active leader of that church in Northeastern Iowa, holding pastorates at Central City, Earlville, Dyersville, Maquoketa, Waverly, Mason City, and Marshalltown, was principal of Epworth Seminary, financial agent of Cornell College during two different periods, presiding elder of three different districts—Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, and Davenport—and was a delegate to the General Conference of the church in 1896 and in 1900. He was active in Grand Army circles and chaplain of the Department of Iowa for the year 1895-96. He removed to Pasadena in 1911.

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LEWIS H. SMITH was born in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, March 21, 1835, and died in Algona, Iowa, January 10, 1928. His parents were Edward and Abigail (Richardson) Smith. He received a good education and in 1852 went to Illinois where he was employed by the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad Company in civil engineering work between Chicago and Rock Island. In the spring of 1854 the company stationed him in Iowa, between Davenport and Grinnell, but in July, 1854, he was employed by the government in Kossuth County, and on arriving there, made it his home. The next year he was elected the first county surveyor of Kossuth County. In 1857 he became county judge, serving two years. In 1860 he became deputy county treasurer, also read law, and was admitted to the bar and became the first resident lawyer of the county, and the same year was again elected county surveyor. He was enrolling clerk of the House of the Eighth General Assembly, 1860, and of the Extra Session, 1861. He was quartermaster of the Northern Iowa Brigade during its operations in protecting the settlers from the Indians in 1862 and 1863. In 1865 he was for the third time elected county surveyor, and was also again county judge from 1866 to 1868. He was



in the mercantile business at Algona with his brother, John G. Smith, from 1866 to 1870, but in the latter year joined with W. H. Ingham in the banking business. In 1873 they established the Kossuth County Bank and he became its cashier. On Mr. Ingham's death in 1912 Mr. Smith became president, and retired to become chairman of the Board of Directors for a few of the later years of his life.

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WILLIAM A. SPURRIER was born in Painesville, Ohio, March 12, 1853, and died on a railway train near Iowa Falls, Iowa, October 12, 1927. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. He removed to Iowa during his boyhood, obtained a good common school education, and taught school for sixteen terms in Union and Adams counties. In 1875 he began reading law in the office of James H. Peregrine of Corning, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He practiced for some time in Red Oak, also in Creston where he was prominent in prosecuting cases against violators of the prohibitory liquor laws. He then removed to California, living in Santa Ana, and later in Orange, for a brief time, but returned to Iowa and located in Des Moines in December, 1886. He was associated in practice at different times with C. C. Dowell, J. L. Parrish, Thomas Maxwell, Earl Mills, and E. D. Perry. He was elected county attorney of Polk County in 1890 and was re-elected in 1892, serving in 1891, 1892, 1893, and in 1894 until February of that year when he was appointed by Governor Jackson to fill the newly created position of additional judge of the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District. The following fall he was elected to the position, but resigned in November, 1897, and resumed practice. A few years before his death he removed to Pine River, Minnesota, where he conducted a law practice and a real estate business. In his later years he spent much time in Florida.

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WILLIAM McNETT was born at Mount Morris, Illinois, March 10, 1845, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, January 23, 1928. He received his education in public schools in Ogle and Stephenson counties, and Rock River Seminary. In 1867 he entered the law office of Thomas Turner of Freeport as a student and was admitted to the bar May 27, 1868. In June of that year he removed to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he began practice. However, in 1869 he removed to Eddyville where he practiced in partnership with Henry N. Clements. In 1871 he removed to Ottumwa and formed a partnership with Eugene Fawcett as Fawcett & McNett. Later he was in partnership with W. D. Tisdale, and in the later years of his practice, with his son, Walter McNett, as McNett & McNett. For many years he was corporation counsel for the White Breast Coal & Mining Company, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, the Wabash Railway Company, the John Morrell Company, besides several other local companies. He was president of the Iowa State Bar Association for the year 1916-17.





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